

CITY OF BOULDER, COLORADO
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SUMMARY FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION: Greenways Advisory Committee
DATE OF MEETING: May 21, 2003
NAME/TELEPHONE OF PERSON PREPARING SUMMARY: Robin Madel, 303-441-4073
NAMES OF MEMBERS, COUNCIL, STAFF AND INVITED GUESTS PRESENT: <p>COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Gil Barth, Linda Jourgensen, for Simon Mole , Krista Holland, Janice Buswell-Lopitz, Edward von Bleichert (Linda Jourgensen and Simon Mole did not attend the tour)</p> <p>STAFF – Annie Noble, Betty Solek, Marni Ratzel (attended the tour), Joe Mantione (attended the meeting) and Robin Madel, secretary</p>
WHAT TYPE OF MEETING (BOLD ONE) [REGULAR] [SPECIAL] [QUASI-JUDICIAL]
<p>Agenda Item 1 – Tour of Elmer’s Twomile creek from Glenwood Ave. to Goose Creek. <u>Annie Noble</u> led the group on a tour of the future Greenways project along Elmer’s Twomile Creek. Potential logistical issues were discussed as well as possible improvements to the creek. The next step is preparation of a Community and Environmental Assessment Process (CEAP) and resolution of any land ownership issues.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 2 – Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 3 – Meeting minutes from Jan. 15, 2003. <u>Linda Jourgensen</u> motioned to approve the minutes from Jan. 15, 2003. <u>Gil Barth</u> seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 in favor of the motion. Simon Mole and Ed von Bleichert abstained because they did not attend that meeting.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 4 – General Citizen Participation There was none. General Citizen Participation was closed.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 5 – Staff presentation and GAC discussion of the Environmental Project Prioritization Process utilized in the Greenways Master Plan. <u>Annie Noble</u> provided a general overview of the Greenways Master Plan. The Greenways Map was divided into reaches. The map shows all the improvements, projects and underpasses. The reaches are described in the reach inventory, which lists existing conditions and opportunities. <u>Betty Solek</u> described the environmental projects listed in the Master Plan. Solek described how the projects were prioritized. The process started with a terrestrial and aquatic habitat assessment. Greenways Objectives were developed to meet the terrestrial habitat and water quality goals. A projects list was developed. Some projects presented conflicts with other projects so all projects were ranked by project type. The staff used a process developed by the Nature Conservancy. The process looks at what the stresses are and the strategies to assess and address threats. Then the strategies were ranked in terms of benefits, ease of implementation, feasibility and cost. Every project was assigned a number and the projects were weighted based on type such as preservation, restoration, weed management, etc. They were also characterized by ownership. Based on that, all projects received a score so that as funding becomes available, the top projects can be recommended for completion. Joe Mantione asked if there has been a study done on cumulative effects of projects. Solek said that the staff is looking at adding monitoring to projects. A Water Quality Master Plan is being developed at this time, although there are currently no overarching goals. Noble said that there is a work group that regularly collects data. Solek said that redoing the habitat evaluation every 10 years would be beneficial.</p>

Agenda Item 6 – Public hearing and GAC recommendation to the Planning Board of the Greenways CIP.

Annie Noble reviewed the 2003 budget and the proposed 2004 budget with a carryover of \$578K. The carryover is slated to complete some larger projects. The committee discussed specific projects and all the carryover amounts. The staff discussed strategies for the projects-most of the funding is leveraged against other funding. Potential funding to be provided by the Army Corps of Engineers was discussed as well as potential funding from other sources. The money dedicated to the Greenways Program from the Lottery Fund was discussed. Ed von Bleichert said that there was a unanimous opinion at the Parks and Recreation advisory Board that the money should stay with the Greenways Program.

Ed von Bleichert motioned to recommend the Greenways 2004-2009 CIP to the city council.

Krista Holland seconded the motion.

The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion.

Agenda Item 7 –

A. Matters from Staff

- Annie Noble gave the committee members a handout for the B360 and announced the Goose Creek groundbreaking ceremony.

B. Matters from the Committee

- Janice Buswell-Lopitz asked about the amount of invasive weeds and sediment on the path along Goose Creek. Noble said she would find out about those things and report back to the committee. Ed von Bleichert recommended asking the contractor to start landscaping when structural elements are completed to avoid erosion and weed growth.

Agenda Item 7 – Discussion of Future Meeting Dates and Agenda

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2003 with a tour at 4:00 and a meeting at 5:00.

Agenda Item 8 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting:

Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2003, 4:00 tour and 5:00 meeting, location is to be determined. The tour will cover the Harrison Ave. levee project. An update of the habitat maintenance program will be given at the meeting.